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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and the allowability of claims 14, 15, and 18. New claims 23-24 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-24 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Staroselsky et al.* (7,041,154). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. *Staroselsky* claims a filing date of December 12, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131 evidencing that the claimed invention was conceived prior to December 12, 2003, which is the effective §102(e) date for *Staroselsky*. Accordingly, *Staroselsky* does not qualify as prior art. Furthermore, since all the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections utilize *Staroselsky* as a primary reference, these rejections also fail.

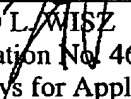
New claims 23 and 24 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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